Music - Year 5 - Spring 2 - Musical Theatre— What is musical theatre?





Musical theatre combines music. songs, spoken dialogue and dance. Musical theatre can also be known as 'Musicals' or 'Shows' and these are usually performed in theatres, alt-

vocals

transition























Glossary

- Composer writes the music.
- Librettist writes the story.
- Lyricist writes the song lyrics.
- **Director** in charge of the dramatic performances.
- **Musical Director** in charge of the musical performance.
- Choreographer creates the dance moves.
- **Designer** Designs the sets or costumes.
- Performers play the characters in the musical.
- Character song Describes how the character is feeling.
- **Action song**—describes what is happening at that point in the story.
- **Transition** A passage of music composed to link one piece of music to another.
- **Score** written notation to show what notes to play and in what style to play them.
- **Script** written text of a play or music.



Musical timeline

Late 16th and 17th centuries

Modern day

Opera

Operetta

Film musical

Book musical

Jukebox musical

Rock and hip hop musicals

Sticky Knowledge:

- To know the interrelated dimensions of music and how they are used to create a performance.
- To know some features of musical theatre.
- To know that music is subjective.